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Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the Secretary-General's report entitled "*Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*" (A/58/347). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information.

2. The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General's progress report is submitted pursuant to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 57/24 of 19 November 2002, in which the Assembly took note of paragraph 57 of the Secretary-General's report A/57/370, commending his efforts to reduce the backlog in the publication of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*, and endorsed his efforts to eliminate the backlog in the publication of the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*.

3. Paragraphs 2 to 13 of the report (A/58/347) provide information on the steps undertaken to expedite the preparation of supplements to the *Repertory*, and paragraphs 14 to 33 summarize the status of the *Repertory*. The Committee notes, among the alternative courses of action discussed, that the possibility of partnerships with academia was considered. However, as indicated in paragraph 10 of the report, it should be noted that while some academic institutions expressed readiness to cooperate through internship programmes, they stressed their inability to take over the preparation of the *Repertory*.

4. Paragraph 13 of the report indicated that it was the view of the Interdepartmental Committee on Charter *Repertory* that further elaboration of possible courses of action would need to await the decision of the General Assembly on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

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5. In this connection, the Advisory Committee notes the information provided in paragraphs 34 and 35 of the report, which relates to the assessment of action required. However, at the time when the Advisory Committee was considering the Secretary-General's report (A/58/347), it was informed that the Sixth Committee was discussing the issue of the *Repertory* and working on a related draft resolution. **The Advisory Committee recalls that any decision of the General Assembly that entails financial requirements is subject to the provision of a statement of programme budget implications and its consideration by the Fifth Committee, which will make the appropriate recommendation.**

6. Paragraphs 36 to 41 of the report refer to the status of the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* and the preparation of future supplements to the *Repertoire*. The Advisory Committee notes the contributions provided to date and the indication that additional contributions are needed, including assistance by associate experts, to maintain the temporary team at the current level and complete the work of the twelfth Supplement in a timely manner and bring the *Repertoire* up to date. The Committee was informed that associate experts are type I gratis personnel sponsored by Governments under the established volunteer programme for technical cooperation.